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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 10 o'clock and 31 minutes a.m.

(Thereupon, the Members sat for the official photograph of the House of Representatives for the 107th Congress.)

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 10:45 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 10:45 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 23, 2002, and Friday May 24, 2002, I was absent for several rollcall votes. Had I been here, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 199, "yes" on rollcall vote 200, "yes" on rollcall vote 201, "yes" on rollcall vote 202, "no" on rollcall vote 203, "no" on rollcall vote 204, "yes" on rollcall vote 205 and "yes" on rollcall vote 206.

FINISH INS REFORM LEGISLATION

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, in the last several days, there has been a lot of finger pointing and accusations about our agencies, the FBI and CIA. There is no question, we will do a thorough and complete review of what was known and what could have been done to thwart the terrorists on September 11. But the kind of cynical sniping at these fine agencies has to stop.

Our collective resolve against terrorism must remain united. We must stand beside our President and our leaders in order to extradite and remove these terrorists from our soil.

I strongly support major restructuring of the INS. We have passed a bill in this Chamber and sent it to the other end of the hall. That bill languishes on the Senate desk, and I urge the majority leader to start proceedings to hold a hearing or at least have a vote on that bill.

This past week in New York City, four Syrians arrested who had deportation orders against them, were released because they were not available to process them on Memorial Day. What a tragedy, that these criminals were in

our country and were not sent back to their own native country. They had the orders. They should have been deported.

I urge the Senate to adopt the INS reform bill and do so urgently.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members that they should not urge the other body to take any actions.

PROVIDING CRITICAL INFORMATION TO PREVENT ABDUCTIONS

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I generally give my 1-minute each day on the issue of missing children, whether it is to talk about Ludwig Koonz, who has been abducted by his noncustodial mother to Italy, or whether it is talk about the Missing Children's Day, which we observed only a couple of weeks ago.

During that time, there was a survey that was done, it was done by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and ADVO, and it showed that many parents lack information critical to recovering children who have been abducted. The survey results show that many parents are missing opportunities to help prevent abductions.

Law enforcement tells us that information such as height, weight, eye color, and a recent photograph are critically important when searching for a child. However, the survey shows that 22 percent of parents do not know the height, weight, and eye color for all of their children; and in the event of an emergency, it is critical for parents to have readily available their child's accurate physical description and a recent photograph so that law enforcement can act immediately and effectively.

So, parents, take the time to get a good portrait ID-type photograph of each child, not just a low-quality snapshot. Parents need to take the responsibility of knowing about their children and being able and ready to respond in the event that something terrible happens such as that. Let us work to take care of our children.

DEATH TAX AND FARMERS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, in my district in Pennsylvania we have some of the most productive farmland in America. In fact, it is known as the "Garden Spot" of America. Many of these farms have been in the same family for generations. A few of them date back to William Penn.

But these farms are in trouble. Taxes on the land are simply too high. Part of the problem lies right here in Washington. The estate tax, what some of us like to call the "death tax," takes as much as 60 percent of the farm's value when it passes from one generation to the next. Many times families have to sell half of the farm just to pay the death tax. That is not right.

Last year we voted to repeal the death tax; but unless we vote to get rid of it permanently, it will come back in 10 years.

Let us vote to kill the death tax for good and help Pennsylvania's and America's family farmers and small businesses stay in business.

CREATING A MEDICARE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the pressing need to create a prescription drug benefit under Medicare.

For almost a decade, Congress has been talking about a Medicare prescription drug benefit, and every time this issue comes up, excuses are made that it is just too expensive and we cannot afford it. Meanwhile, seniors are struggling every day to find ways to afford their life-saving medicines. They pay some of the highest prices in the world for their prescriptions; but because Medicare lacks a prescription drug benefit, 40 percent of the seniors pay for their prescriptions entirely out of pocket.

Last year, the Congressional Budget Office was projecting surpluses well into the next decade. We had the opportunity to do something about this. But instead of using the surpluses to create a Medicare drug benefit, we passed a bloated tax cut that eroded these surpluses and sent us back into an era of deficit spending.

This week we are going to take another vote to further extend these tax cuts. We have deficits as far as the eye can see, but the majority wants to dig that hole even deeper and pass tax cuts that will cost almost \$1 trillion over 10 years and will benefit less than 2 percent of the American people. Yet we tell seniors we cannot afford a prescription drug benefit.

COMMENDING SUNSET OF OUR
MEMORIES EXHIBIT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the students of Sunset High School's Holocaust Studies class and their instructor, Mr. Irv Madnikoff. Their hard work and dedication in remembering the Holocaust